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## White Sands News Release

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### **White Sands to Celebrate National Public Lands Day with Fee Free Entry and Star Party**

Alamogordo, NM – White Sands National Monument will be joining national park units across the country in celebrating National Public Lands Day (NPLD) on September 24 with fee free entry into the monument. In addition, White Sands will host a star party, offer a storewide discount in the monument's bookstore, and extend its hours from 7 am–10 pm.

National Public Lands Day began in 1994 and is intended to encourage shared stewardship of our nation's public lands. Today, NPLD is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance federal, state and local public lands. White Sands will celebrate NPLD by partnering with the Alamogordo Astronomy Club to present a star party at the monument from 7:30–9:30 pm. The Western National Parks Association bookstore in the visitor center will offer 15% discount storewide in celebration of NPLD.

“White Sands could not host events like this star party without the support of our volunteers and community partners. National Public Lands Day is a day for everyone to enjoy their public lands and remember the valuable contribution that volunteers make to their public lands,” stated Superintendent Kevin Schneider. “Join us this Saturday, September 24th for the star party. Enjoy an up-close view of the heavens and celebrate your public lands”

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